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Daughter, daughter, go choose your own ;
Choose you a good one, or else choose none.

Mrs. A. M. L. Clark.

LANCASTER, MASS.

CORN-PLANTING RHYME. — Can any one complete the following corn-planting rhyme, supposed to be of New England origin ?

One for the cutworm,
One for the crow,
— for the —
And — to grow.

It has been suggested that the third and fourth lines should be : —

One for the blackbird,
And one to grow.

Sarah E. Sprague.

CHICAGO, ILL.

LOCAL MEETINGS AND OTHER NOTICES.

NINTH ANNUAL MEETING. — The Ninth Annual Meeting of the American Folk-Lore Society will be held in the Donovan Room, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 28 and 29.

Tuesday, December 28. Morning Session. 10 A. M. Meeting of the Council. 11 A. M. The Society meets for business. Address of welcome, Presidential address, and reading of papers. *Afternoon Session.* 2-5 P. M. Reading of papers. Evening reception to visiting members by the Woman's Literary Club of Baltimore.

Wednesday, December 29. 10 A. M.-1 P. M. Morning Session for the reading of papers. 2-5 P. M. Afternoon session for the reading of papers.

As the annual meeting for the current year will mark the completion of the first decade of the Society's existence, it is hoped that the occasion may be made useful in extending the membership and influence of the organization; and members who can make it convenient to attend are urgently requested to do so.

The following are titles of papers communicated to the Secretary : —

MISS ALICE M. BACON, Hampton, Va., "Methods and Work of the Hampton Folk-Lore Society."

MRS. FANNY D. BERGEN, Cambridge, Mass., "Experiences of a Collector of Folk-Lore."

DR. FRANZ BOAS, New York, N. Y., "The Transformer and the Culture Hero in American Mythology."

PROF. H. CARRINGTON BOLTON, Washington, D. C., "Relics of Astrology."

DR. CHARLES C. BOMBAUGH, Baltimore, Md., "The Bibliography of Folk-Lore."

MRS. WALTER BULLOCK, Baltimore, Md., "On the Collecting of Maryland Folk-Lore."

DR. ALEXANDER S. CHESSIN, Baltimore, Md., "Russian Folk-Lore."

MR. STEWART CULIN, Philadelphia, Pa., "American Indian Games."

MISS ALICE C. FLETCHER, Washington, D. C., "The Significance of the Scalp-Lock ; a Study from the Omaha Tribe."

DR. GEORGE M. GOULD, Philadelphia, Pa., "Child Fetiches."

MR. STANSBURY HAGAR, Brooklyn, N. Y., "More about Glooscap."

DR. CHRISTOPHER JOHNSTON, Baltimore, Md., "Old Babylonian Legends."

DR. J. H. MCCORMICK, Gaithersburg, Md., "Folk-Lore of Gems and Minerals."

PROF. OTIS T. MASON, Washington, D. C., "The Jack-knife, and How to Whittle."

DR. WASHINGTON MATTHEWS, Washington, D. C., "Ichthyophobia."

MISS MARY WILLIS MINOR, Baltimore, Md., "A Folk-Tale."

MR. WILLIAM W. NEWELL, Cambridge, Mass., "Opportunities for Collecting Folk-Lore in America."

PROF. J. S. VAN CLEVE, Chicago, Ill., "Negro Music."

MISS ANNIE WESTON WHITNEY, Baltimore, Md., "The Bean in Folk-Lore."

PROF. LEO WIENER, Cambridge, Mass., "Folk-Songs of Russian Jews collected in America."

REV. CHARLES JAMES WOOD, York, Pa., "Descents into Hell."

DR. HENRY WOOD, Baltimore, Md., "Poe's Fall of the House of Usher ; a Study in Comparative Literature and Folk-Lore."

MRS. JOHN C. WRENSHALL, Baltimore, Md., "Some Modern Charms and Spells."

Note.—The headquarters of the visiting members will be at the St. James Hotel, Charles and Center streets.

HARVARD FOLK-LORE CLUB.—During the present season, two papers have been read before the Club. (1) October 28, by Mr. F. S. Arnold, on "Classical Folk-Lore relating to the Canary Islands ;" and (2) on November 11, by Mr. P. A. Hutchinson, on "Folk-Lore of the Canary Islands." During the remainder of the year, the papers will be devoted to American anthropology, meetings being held fortnightly. Titles of papers to be presented are as follows: (3) Lightnings and Thunder among the North American Indians; (4) Serpents in Connection with Thunder; (5) The Cardinal Points and the Four Winds; (6) American Culture Heroes; (7) War Traditions; (8) Ideas concerning the Future Life, and Journey Myths; (9) Americanized European Themes, Half-breed Stories; (10) Witches, Witchcraft, and Demons; (11) Animal Tales (zoögenic myths); (12) Physiological Stories; (13) Drolls.

Homer H. Kidder, Sec.

CINCINNATI BRANCH.—The first meeting of the season was held November 9, at the Woman's Club rooms. Mr. Arthur W. Dunn's lecture on

"Primitive Cosmogonies" included a number of creation-myths. The Zuñi myth of the origin of the world and of man was given and commented on at length. Music and a "half hour" in the tea-room concluded the evening.

The following programme has been adopted for the meetings of this branch during the season of 1897-98: November 9. "Cosmogony," Arthur W. Dunn, A. M. A comparison of creation-myths from various parts of the world, with a somewhat detailed study of American creation-myths. The origin and dissemination of such myths, and their psychological basis. — December 14. "Folk-Religion," Symposium. Creeds; Practices; Worship of plants, animals, fetiches, nature, ancestors, mythical heroes, deities. — January 11. "The Separable Soul," J. D. Buck, M. D. Origin of belief. Burial of objects with the dead. Ghosts, echoes, dryads, naiads, angels, and demons. — February 8. "Folk-Music," Prof. John S. Van Cleave. Analysis of the physical and psychical characters of the music of primitive people. Origin and evolution of musical instruments and composition. Drama, ballads, ritual, emotions, dance, games, etc. — March 8. "Current Superstitions," Charles L. Edwards, Ph. D. Concerning fairies, dwarfs, giants, times, seasons, wishes, dreams, cures, festivals, stars, moon, sun, divination, amulets, charms, obi, death, etc., with examples from the Bahamas. — April 12. "Dissemination of Folk-Lore," Rev. David Philipson, D. D. Theories of Jacob and William Grimm and of Max Müller: (a) Organic or primary tales known to the undivided race. Inorganic, or secondary, which arose after division. Resemblances due to common descent. Aryan source, — India, Persia, Greece and Italy, Northern Europe. Myth elements of the Iliad, Odyssey, and old Greek dramas found in English nursery tales. Recent Theories: (b) Diffusion through contiguity of races; ethnic origin and relationship, especially indicated by language, of secondary importance. (c) Independent invention of folk-lore. Resemblance due to analogous culture-stages.

Books especially recommended for 1897-98: Journal and Memoirs of the American Folk-Lore Society; The International Folk-Lore Congress, Papers and Transactions, 1892; Tyler: Primitive Culture, 3d ed., 1891; Spencer: Principles of Sociology, 1877; Grimm: Teutonic Mythology, 4 vols., 1880-88; Newell: Article on Folk-Lore, Johnson's Universal Cyclopedia, new edition, 1894; Brinton: Myths of the New World, new edition; Frazer: The Golden Bough, a Study in Comparative Religion, 1890; Hartland: The Science of Fairy Tales, 1891; Perseus, 1894-6.

The officers of the Branch for 1897-98 are as follows: President, Charles L. Edwards, Ph. D., University of Cincinnati; First Vice-President, Rev. David Philipson, D. D.; Second Vice-President, Miss Annie Laws; Secretary, Miss Therese Kirchberger, 2643 Bellevue Avenue, Mt. Auburn; Treasurer, F. A. King, 110 Huntington Place, Mt. Auburn; Advisory Committee, Mrs. George A. Thayer, Miss Laura Wayne, J. D. Buck, M. D., Arthur W. Dunn, A. M.

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